

Amendments to the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 7, as follows:

Figures 1A-B show the cDNA (SEQ ID NO:1) and corresponding deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:2) of ICE-LAP-3. The polypeptide encoded by the amino acid sequence shown is the putative mature form of the polypeptide (minus the initial methionine residue), and the standard one-letter abbreviation for amino acids is used.

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 12, as follows:

Figures 2A-B show the cDNA (SEQ ID NO:3) and corresponding deduced amino acid sequence (SEQ ID NO:4) of ICE-LAP-4. The polypeptide encoded by the amino acid sequence shown is the putative mature form of the polypeptide (minus the initial methionine residue).

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 16, as follows:

Figures 3A-C show an amino acid sequence comparison between ICE-LAP-3, ICE-LAP-4, human ICE (SEQ ID NO:14) and the C. elegans cell death gene ced-3 (SEQ ID NO:13). Shaded areas represent amino acid matches between the different sequences.

Amendments to the Sequence Listing

Please replace the sequence listing with the attached Second Substitute Sequence Listing in printed and computer readable forms.